

SENATE BILL 2924

By Reeves

AN ACT to amend Chapter 115 of the Private Acts of 2006; and any other acts amendatory thereto, relative to the Town of Petersburg.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Chapter 115 of the Private Acts of 2006, and any other acts amendatory thereto, is amended by deleting Sections 2 through 5 in Article II and substituting instead the following:

Section 2. Board Composition. The legislative powers of the Town of Petersburg shall be exercised by and vested in the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of said town. The governing body of the Town of Petersburg consists of five (5) Aldermen, each and all of whom shall be residents and qualified voters of the town. The Aldermen shall appoint one (1) of their own members as Mayor. The Mayor and four (4) remaining Aldermen shall constitute and compose the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Petersburg.

Section 3. Elections. Elections are held on the first Thursday in August of each even numbered year. The membership on the Board of Mayor and Aldermen on the effective date of this act shall remain in place until each member's term expires and the Board is re-elected pursuant to this Section 3. Beginning with the elections held on August 4, 2022, the two (2) individuals receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected Aldermen for a term of four (4) years. Beginning with the elections held on August 1, 2024, the three (3) individuals receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected Aldermen for a term of four (4) years. Thereafter, all terms shall be for a period of four (4) years.

In the event of a tie among the aldermanic candidates, the tie shall be decided by a vote of the members of the certified elected board members at the first regularly scheduled meeting following the election.

Section 4. Term of Office. The terms of office established with the elections held on August 3, 2006, and August 7, 2008, shall continue to be four (4) years. Board members shall continue to hold their offices until their successors are elected and qualified. Terms of office begin with the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board following the certification of the election results, except in the event of a tie as described in Article II, Section 3.

Section 5. Quorum. Three (3) Aldermen shall constitute a quorum to transact business.

SECTION 2. Chapter 115 of the Private Acts of 2006, and any other acts amendatory thereto, is amended by deleting Article II, Section 10 and substituting instead the following:

Section 10. Ordinances. All ordinances shall begin with the clause, Be it enacted by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Petersburg, Tennessee, and shall be introduced in writing. Each ordinance shall be passed on two (2) separate days at regular or special called meetings, except emergency ordinances. In the event that an emergency ordinance is required, it may be introduced, considered two (2) times, and approved for purposes of two (2) considerations by two (2) unanimous votes of all members of the Board at any one (1) meeting. In the event an ordinance is so passed, it shall contain the following provision in the body thereof, immediately following the public welfare clause: "This ordinance was passed unanimously on two (2) considerations, on this the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, the public good and welfare demanding that its passage not be postponed." It shall not be necessary to copy ordinances in the minutes, but reference to them shall be made in the minutes by subject matter. After passage, each ordinance shall be authenticated by the Mayor and signed by the Recorder.

SECTION 3. This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the legislative body of the Town of Petersburg. The approval or non-approval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the legislative body and certified to the Secretary of State.

SECTION 4. For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this act, it shall be effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall become effective as provided in Section 3.